

Our first amendmanet right to free speach should be the first consideration in the question of limiting the content of XM radio. This alone should be enough of an arguement to see that such limits are unwarrented and unconstitutional. The second obvious need for traffic and weather information being available on satalite radio is public safety. If weather is threatening and I am traveling through Atlanta or Little Rock, I want to know that I can access a radio channel that will have the latest information without waiting for some disc jockey to finish playing his song only to find that I have accessed a radio station in Macon or St Louis instead.

I listen to a lot of radio and XM is only a part of the programing I listen to. I listen to local AM talk radio, local PBS, and the BBC via satelite and short wave radio. I think these other venues would be rightly incensed if they were told they could not provide up to the minute weather and traffic information because it might give them a monopoly. We stop monopolies by letting all venues provide what they think the listener wants to hear.

Please do not limit programing on XM radio.

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